

REMARKS

The Applicant has carefully considered this application in connection with the Examiner's Action and respectfully requests reconsideration.

The Applicant originally submitted Claims 1-20 in the application. The Applicant has presently amended Claims 1, 3, 4, 11, 14 and 15 and has cancelled Claims 2 and 13. Accordingly, Claims 1, 3-12, and 14-20 are currently pending in the application.

I. Rejection of Claims 1, 3-12 and 14-20

The Examiner has rejected these claims based on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-15 of U.S. Patent No. 6,590,042. In response thereto, the Applicant has submitted a terminal disclaimer, which removes the ground of rejection.

II. Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, applicant respectfully submits that the foregoing claims are allowable over the art of record. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance for Claims 1, 3-12 and 14-20 is respectfully requested.

Should it facilitate allowance of the application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional payment that may be due or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-2395.

Respectfully submitted,

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